

Need another word that means the same as “repentance”? Find 16 synonyms and 30 related words for “repentance” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Repentance” are: penance, penitence, remorse, contrition, contriteness, sorrow, sorrowfulness, regret, ruefulness, pangs of conscience, prickings of conscience, shame, guilt, self-reproach, self-condemnation, compunction**

## Repentance as a Noun

### Definitions of "Repentance" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “repentance” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Remorse for your past conduct.*
- *The action of repenting; sincere regret or remorse.*



## Synonyms of "Repentance" as a noun (16 Words)

<b>compunction</b>	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed). <i>They used their tanks without <b>compunction</b>.</i>
<b>contriteness</b>	An elaborate or deceitful scheme contrived to deceive or evade. (in the Roman Catholic Church) the repentance of past sins during or after confession.
<b>contrition</b>	<i>Prayers of <b>contrition</b>.</i>
<b>guilt</b>	The fact of having committed a specified or implied offence or crime. <i>It is the duty of the prosecution to prove the prisoner s <b>guilt</b>.</i>
<b>pangs of conscience</b>	A sudden sharp feeling.

<b>penance</b>	A religious observance or other duty required of a person by a priest as part of this sacrament to indicate repentance. <i>He had done public <b>penance</b> for those hasty words.</i>
<b>penitence</b>	The action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance. <i>A public display of <b>penitence</b>.</i>
<b>prickings of conscience</b>	Motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles that govern a person's thoughts and actions.
<b>regret</b>	A feeling of sadness, repentance, or disappointment over an occurrence or something that one has done or failed to do. <i>He wrote a note expressing his <b>regret</b>.</i>
<a href="#"><u>remorse</u></a>	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed). <i>They were filled with <b>remorse</b> and shame.</i>
<b>ruefulness</b>	Sadness associated with some wrong done or some disappointment.
<b>self-condemnation</b>	An admission that you have failed to do or be something you know you should do or be.
<b>self-reproach</b>	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed).
<a href="#"><u>shame</u></a>	An unfortunate development. <i>Ignorance of Latin would be a disgrace and a <b>shame</b> to any public man.</i>
<a href="#"><u>sorrow</u></a>	An event or circumstance that causes sorrow. <i>A bereaved person needs time to work through their <b>sorrow</b>.</i>
<b>sorrowfulness</b>	Sadness associated with some wrong done or some disappointment.



### **Usage Examples of "Repentance" as a noun**

- *Each person who turns to God in genuine repentance and faith will be saved.*





## Associations of "Repentance" (30 Words)

- apologetic** Constituting a formal defence or justification of a theory or doctrine.  
*An **apologetic** smile.*
- atone** Turn away from sin or do penitence.  
*A human sacrifice to **atone** for the sin.*
- atonement** (in religious contexts) reparation or expiation for sin.  
*He submitted his resignation as an act of **atonement**.*
- compunction** A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed).  
*They used their tanks without **compunction**.*
- confess** Confess to a punishable or reprehensible deed usually under pressure.  
*She **confessed** that she had taken the money.*
- confession** The religious body or Church sharing a confession of faith.  
*His words are a political **confession** of faith.*

<b>confessor</b>	A person to whom another confides personal problems. <i>She sent for her <b>confessor</b> because she was in mortal sin.</i>
<b>contrite</b>	Feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses. <i>A <b>contrite</b> tone.</i>
<b>contrition</b>	The state of feeling remorseful and penitent. <i>To show <b>contrition</b> for his crime he offered to do community service.</i>
<b>expiate</b>	Make amends for. <i><b>Expiate</b> one's sins.</i>
<b>forgive</b>	Stop blaming or grant forgiveness. <i>I was willing to <b>forgive</b> all her faults for the sake of our friendship.</i>
<b>guilty</b>	Responsible for or chargeable with a reprehensible act. <i>He felt <b>guilty</b> about the way he had treated her.</i>
<b>penance</b>	Impose a penance on. <i>He had done public <b>penance</b> for those hasty words.</i>
<b>penitence</b>	The action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance. <i>A public display of <b>penitence</b>.</i>
<b>penitent</b>	(Roman Catholic Church) a person who repents for wrongdoing (a Roman Catholic may be admitted to penance under the direction of a confessor). <i>A <b>penitent</b> expression.</i>
<b>penitential</b>	Showing or constituting penance. <i>Wrote a <b>penitential</b> letter apologizing for her hasty words.</i>
<b>regret</b>	Express with regret. <i>I always <b>regretted</b> that I never trained.</i>
<b>regretful</b>	Feeling or expressing regret or sorrow or a sense of loss over something done or undone. <i>He sounded <b>regretful</b> but pointed out that he had committed himself.</i>
<b><u>regretfully</u></b>	It is regrettable that. <i>He sighed <b>regretfully</b>.</i>
<b><u>remorse</u></b>	A feeling of deep regret (usually for some misdeed). <i>They were filled with <b>remorse</b> and shame.</i>
<b>remorseful</b>	Filled with remorse; sorry. <i>The defendant was <b>remorseful</b> for what he had done.</i>
<b>repent</b>	Feel regret or penitence about. <i>He <b>repented</b> of his action.</i>
<b>repentant</b>	Feeling or expressing remorse for misdeeds. <i>He is truly <b>repentant</b> for his incredible naivety and stupidity.</i>

<b>rue</b>	A street or road in France. <i>Ferguson will <b>rue</b> the day he turned down that offer.</i>
<b><u>rueful</u></b>	Expressing sorrow or regret, especially in a wry or humorous way. <i>She gave a <b>rueful</b> grin.</i>
<b><u>salvation</u></b>	Saving someone or something from harm or from an unpleasant situation. <i>They turned to individualism as their <b>salvation</b>.</i>
<b>sceptic</b>	A person who doubts the truth of Christianity and other religions; an atheist.
<b>scruple</b>	Raise scruples. <i>In the choice of a second wife one <b>scruple</b> of prudence is worth a pound of passion.</i>
<b><u>sin</u></b>	Commit a sin. <i>I <b>sinned</b> and brought shame down on us.</i>
<b><u>sinner</u></b>	A person who sins (without repenting). <i>God forgives repentant <b>sinner</b>s.</i>



